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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Hirohiko Hirochika et al.  
Application No. : 09/721,114 Confirmation No. : 2997  
Filing Date : November 22, 2000  
For : NOVEL GENE INVOLVED IN BRASSINOSTEROID  
RESPONSES  
Group Art Unit : 1634  
Examiner : Juliet C. Switzer

New York, New York  
March 1, 2004

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to file a Notice of Appeal of the October 3, 2003 Office Action.

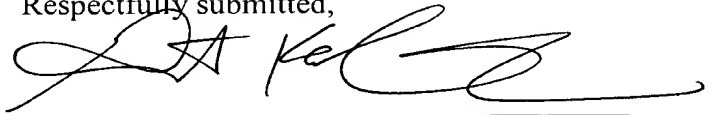
With the extension, the Notice is due on or before March 3, 2004.

Applicants enclose a check in the amount of \$420.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) for a two-month extension of time.

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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JF Haley", written over a horizontal line.

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